MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know whether this officer is really teaching the Income-tax law ?

MR. K. GEORGE : Training includes that interpretation of law also. That would be certainly one of the duties.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : I hope the member is aware that judicial decisions considerably shape the interpretation of law as time goes on.

MR. K. GEORGE : Yes, it does. What I say is that the income tax law requires an expert to teach it. When a new Deputy Commissioner is appointed it is certainly an advantage to the State that an expert who has been engaged all his life in that line should be available to us to help us to train our officers.

MR. M. G. MATHEW : May I know whether there is any likelihood of keeping up that man for other work when this work is finished ?

MR. K. GEORGE : There is no such idea.

I may also say Sir that British India, in the Income Tax officers are appointed on probation for two years during which period they are given training in the work. Training here is contemplated only for six months. And also I may inform the House that the Government of India have recently appointed an Income-Tax Specialist for advising them on Income-tax matters and for training local income-tax officers.

MR K. T. THOMAS : Does the Hon'ble Member suggest that the training obtaining in British India on a two years' probation could easily be done in six months here ?

MR. K. GEORGE : Yes Sir, we can easily have our training completed in six months. It is recognised all over the world that the Income-Tax Law is a special technical law which requires special training. And I think the arrangement which the Government proposes is not only best in the interest of the finance but it is also best in point of efficiency. For these reasons I hope the House will pass my demand.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.
The grant was made.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Public Works Department, including capital expenditure not charged to revenue.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Sir, I beg to move for a Grant of Rs. 21,000 under the following two items ;—

(i) Improvements to the road between Colachel and Thottiode in order to make it fit for bus traffic before the Trivandrum-Cape transport service is started—Rs. 18,000 ;

(ii) Investigation for the supply of fresh water in the coastal regions of the State by taking deep boring Rs. 3,000.

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[Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar.]

With regard to the first item I may inform the House that the Colachel Thottiode road which is now proposed to be taken up in the scheme for the development of transportation is now in a very bad condition. The Superintendent of the Transport Department has inspected the road and made this proposal,

PRESIDENT : At the time the agenda was given to the printer it was intended that Mr. L. H. Jacob would move it. But Mr. L. H. Jacob is not now nominated as a member of the House as he is engaged in some other more important work on behalf of the State and so Mr. Sesha Aiyar moves the grant. Moreover, according to the Standing Orders, the President of the Assembly can call upon any member at any time to move a motion.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : This road starts at the fifth mile from Nagercoil on the Main Southern Road on the Trivandrum side the place being called Thottiode. It has a distance of nine miles. At present it is being maintained as an ordinary second class road and it has never had remetalling for the last ten or twelve years. An estimate, for about Rs. 8,500 for this purpose was submitted in 1111 and the work was not carried out due to paucity of funds. Similarly another estimate for about Rs. 5,000 was also submitted which also was not worked out. The present demand is for remetalling the whole road of nine miles at an average cost of Rs, 2000 per mile. This recoating is necessitated as the ordinary maintenance grant is not sufficient to keep the road in good condition to meet the needs of the present scheme. The present width of the road is 12 feet and it is intended to make it 14 feet. It is hoped that this work will be of great benefit when the Transport scheme will begin to function. I hope that this grant will be passed by the House.

The second item is for sinking a tube well at Ayiramthengu in the Karunagapally taluk. The Government have been working out a scheme for supplying fresh water for drinking purposes to coastal places in Travancore. Ayiramthengu is a place where good water is not available.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Is it worse than Shertalla taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : It is much worse. In 1931 an experiment was conducted and a tubewell was sunk at this locality to a depth of 75 to 107 feet below sea level, where water was found. But on examination this water was found to be not fit for drinking purposes. Later on wells were sunk after the example at Alleppey, and at a depth of 400 feet good water was found out. Messrs. Scott and Saxby deep tube well experts of Calcutta, were asked to sink wells at Ayiramthengu. It was a successful experiment and they went down to about 400 feet but unfortunately the water was not quite fit for drinking purposes, So these tubes were drawn up and at a depth of 225 feet, pure water was tapped. So this grant for Rs. 3,000 is for the purpose of this work. I request the House will grant the demand.

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MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Hon'ble Member has ever visited the Shertalla taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: About half a dozen times.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Does this scheme include water supply to the coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: It does not include.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is there any other scheme for the supply of good water to the coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There is none at present.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is there any bus service now existing on the Colachel Thottiode road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There is.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: How long these services have been in existence?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: I cannot exactly say.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Sir, I would support the grant for the maintenance and remetalling of the Colachel-Thottiode road. I represent the constituency where the road exists. A travel along that road is not at all a pleasant one. There are ups and downs on that road sufficiently steep that women may find it very difficult even to travel on this road. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may pardon the House if it considers him a bit unchivalrous.

MR. C. JABAMONY NADAR: Sir, there is another important circumstance with regard to this road. It passes through the biggest market in the State, namely, the Monday Market.

It passes also through a Municipal Town *viz.*, Colachel. Bus service has been running on this line for a number of years. I think Pioneer company started service here soon after they started the Trivandrum—Nagercoil service. There is regular bus service on this line between every 15 or 30 minutes.

Therefore, even apart from the needs of the State Transport service, I would support the demand. I would also request that the work may be done as quickly as possible so that this supplementary demand may be justified. It will really afford great relief to the travelling public.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

AYURVEDA DEPARTMENT.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 489, under Ayurveda.

This grant is intended to continue the scholarship granted to one Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai who is studying for the Ayurveda Acharya Examination in the Benares Hindu University. He has had about 6 years' training there. Government gave him a scholarship for the last three years and 9 months. The final examination was held in

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